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AU REVOIR DINNER

By Miss Mary Seely

Three hundred fifteen people attended the dinner for Superintendent and Mrs. Harley H. Gill on Friday evening, December 5, on the occasion of his impending retirement after 23 years of service to the Northern California Congregational Conference.

Months ago Dr. Clarence Reidenbach and the First Church of Oakland asked for the privilege of playing host to this affair; and for many weeks the church women, headed by Mrs. Charles Ott and Mrs. Clark Rucker, worked on the details to make it outstanding. Mrs. Harold Miles had charge of the tables; Mrs. Georgia Ball and Mrs. Vorey Arney, with assistance from Mrs. Reidenbach, did the decorating; and Mrs. Sanford Siegrist handled the reservations, assisted by Mrs. Charles E. Ward, of Redwood City. The general chairman from the Conference Board was Mrs. Scott Raymond, of Berkeley; and Rev. Benjamin Gaskell, of San Mateo, had charge of the program.

Mrs. Gail Cleland, president of the Federation of Congregational Women, asked particularly that the decorations be mentioned; they started in the reception room where Dr. and Mrs. Gill's friends greeted them before dinner and paused for punch and hors d'oeuvres; here were arrangements of garnished magnolia leaves and buds, highlighted with red satin bows When the guests followed the Gills into the social hall there were spontaneous exclamations of pleasure over the beauty of the room. Rev. Robert Knowles, associate minister, had made golden letters, "Harley H. Gill, 23 years, love and appreciation," and he and the committee had affixed them to the stage curtains. Dozens of white candles shone down the centers of the four long tables; they were placed in trees, on mats of gold, with low arrangements of small magnolia leaves and exquisite red satin poinsettias, made by the women of the church.

Dr. Reidenbach asked the blessing; and the Couples Club of the church, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Tuttle, served the three-course dinner.

Dr. Vere V. Loper, minister of Berkeley First, was toastmaster. Mr. Harold Youngberg, director of the local choir, led in the singing of four well known hymns. Mr. David Schaub, the organist, accompanied the group singing and the soloists, Mrs. Carol Peters, contralto, and Mr. Byron Mellberg, tenor. Each sang a group, then two duets, before the "speaking" began.

After the large family of Mr. David L. Gill, of Sacramento, had stood and taken a bow, Mr. Gill, himself, told of his brother's boyhood and how Harley had been not only older brother but father and mother to him and said (after slightly milder humor than is generally indulges in) a beautiful tribute to "the best brother a man ever had."

Then Mrs. Flora Huguenin Lichtenwalls, who had been a small girl in Hayden, Colorado, when young Harley Gill first reached there, told of the traditions of the town where all the eligible damsels fed the young minister on fried chicken.

Mr. Gill came to California and

PACIFIC CHANGES EDITORS

With this issue Superintendent Harley H. Gill lays down his duties as editor of The Pacific. For the past twenty-three years a few issues have been edited by other members of the staff, including Rev. E. T. Sherman, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, and Rev. William W. Meyer, and with the constant help of Mrs. Esther Ericson and other secretaries in the office.

During this period the identity and individuality of The Pacific have been maintained even though other Conference papers and some national periodicals have come and gone. The Pacific is more than an ordinary state paper, for it has been in continuous existence since August 1, 1851. At one time it was a general newspaper with a religious slant. At other times it has been a journal of opinion patterned somewhat after "The Independent" and "The Outlook," that at one time left their mark among thinking people of the nation.

After The Pacific was taken over by the Northern California Congregational Conference, and beginning with the April, 1924, issue, when the Conference Superintendent became the editor, it has not been either a journal of opinion or a missionary propaganda sheet. It has been a newspaper published by, for, and about the churches of the Congregational fellowship of Northern California. The philosophy behind the editing of the paper has been that information among the people of our churches about the progress being made by themselves and their sister churches is the best kind of missionary promotion. We believe this philosophy has been sound.

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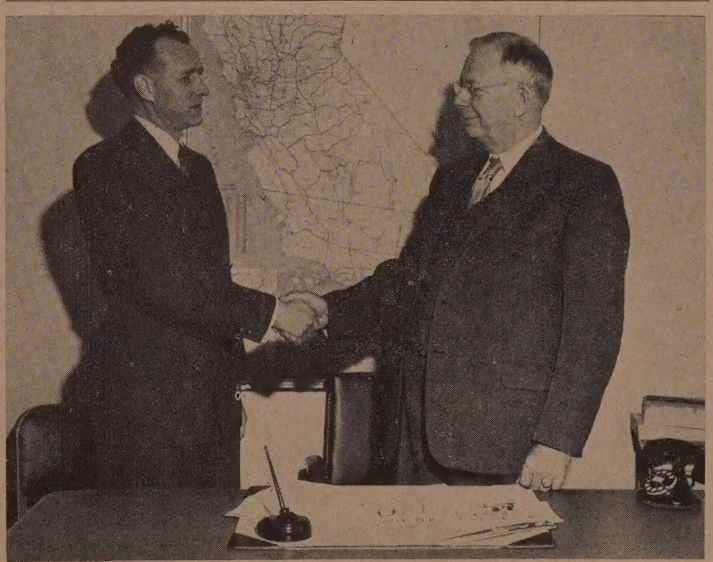

After twenty-three years Supt. Harley H. Gill turns over the editorship of The Pacific to Rev. William D. Pratt, who becomes Superintendent on January first and who will then assume editorial responsibility, beginning with the 102nd year of the history of this publication.

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graduated from UC and PSR. His son, Dr. Clayton H. Gill, of Fresno, told, not only of their father's unflinching strictness about matters of morals, but of his loving affection for his children and their physical and spiritual welfare. Dr. Gill's daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Honer, was presented, as were other members of his family.

When Harley H. Gill was a student at PSR he had the pastorate of the church at Niles, so Mrs. E. A. Elsworth, who had known him then, spoke of that period. From 1918 to 1923 Dr. Gill was pastor at Stockton, and Dr. Noel Breed told of his influence on that parish; Dr. Torrance Phelps, of Pioneer Church, Sacramento, recounted how Dr. Gill had not only rebuilt the spiritual life of that church, but had pushed the erection of the beautiful building opposite Fort Sutter.

Dr. Ralph Waddell, a member of the Conference committee that had persuaded Dr. Gill to become state

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REV. W. D. PRATT IN N. Y.

While Pacific copy is being assembled, Superintendent-elect William D. Pratt is in New York on three separate but important missions. He will be attending a meeting of the committee on Free Church Polity and Unity, of which the Rev. L. Wendell Fifield is chairman. He will also present the case of our Santa Rosa Church to the Church Building Committee of the Board of Home Missions and will be in conference with Dr. John A. Reuling, of the American Board, about the work in Mexico. Mr. Pratt is chairman of the commission guiding the missionary work in the land below the border. He has been and will be, after his return, on very heavy schedule meeting with committees, visiting churches, and cooperating with the Conference committee on the Church Building Loan Fund campaign in the various district gatherings. Besides all of this, he is gathering information as to general organization and office procedure.

Church of the Valley

Six and one-half months after his arrival on the field, Rev. John C. Carroll had the joy of representing his church in receiving the recognition as a fully organized church in the membership of the Santa Clara Association on Sunday, November 30.

The Church of the Valley (Congregational) is to be its name. When the building is erected its address will be Santa Clara, California. Half of the parish will be in San Jose, the church itself and a part of its allocation in Santa Clara, and the rest in unincorporated areas. The church has more than 100 members to begin with. It has adopted its by-laws, elected officers, and is in process of incorporation. The Credentials Committee of the Association had inspected the documents and questioned representatives of the church and brought in a favorable, even enthusiastic, report. At the special meeting of the Association full statements were presented by representatives of the church covering property, finance, organization, and prospects for the future.

At the evening session, held in the First Congregational Church, San Jose, Rev. Stephen C. Peabody presided. The choir of the First Church furnished music. The Scripture lesson was read by Mr. William Good, a lay member of the new church. Rev. Terence Stoker, moderator of the Association, gave the report from the earlier business meeting and offered the welcome to the church. Rev. G. Arthur Casaday was the preacher, using as his subject "A Colony of Heaven." The Superintendent-elect, William D. Pratt, gave the Charge to the Minister, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the Charge to the Church. Thus, comes into being the newest member of our fellowship.

Regular services are being held in the parsonage, with the double garage serving as sanctuary and the rest of the house and garden (when weather permits) accommodating the Church School.

LORBEER-NELSON

Announcement has been received of the engagement of Miss Olive Nelson to Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer. Mr. Lorbeer is well known in California. Many churches received inspiration from him on his last furlough. He has been connected with our American schools at Pasumalai, India, for many years. Miss Nelson spent ten years in South India, from 1933 to 1944. She is to sail on January 7, arriving in India about February first, when the marriage will take place.

The Japanese government is now charging 30% duty on all packages received from America valued at more than $4.50, even though they may contain relief goods. Those packages should be valued at the lowest possible rate. Should a parcel be valued at more than $4.50, please send in cash 30% of the declared value to the American Board, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts, designated for the personal account of the addressee. This applies to gift packages to Japanese people.

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Careful! Careful!

November receipts really took a tailspin. At the end of October, the receipts for 1952 were $7,400 above the like period in 1951; but by the end of November, the gain had dropped to $5,400, indicating a clear loss of $2,000 in November receipts over November in 1951. Remember, January 10 is the deadline for 1952 OCWM receipts. May this last month be a record breaker.

	App't Jan. 11 to Nov. 30,'51	App't Jan. 11 to Nov. 30,'52
Alameda	$1,111.65	$ 893.38
Alturas	269.64	124.76
Angels Camp	165.00	200.00
Antioch	268.29	1,078.64
Auburn	250.00	420.00
Benicia	95.00	113.00
Berkeley, Arlington	793.91	961.07
Chinese	14.50	42.00
First	10,734.67	10,829.45
North	1,429.06	1,471.04
Northbrae	400.00	400.00
South	817.22	811.87
Biola	49.92	54.56
Campbell	1,009.72	848.50
Cedarville	57.30	81.10
Cloverdale	——	25.00
Concord, Hillcrest	297.35	144.68
Cotati	118.09	67.78
Crockett	149.62	206.44
Eagleville	74.03	17.61
El Cerrito	25.00	8.40
Elk Grove	240.11	237.53
Etna	197.61	337.61
Eureka	1,103.45	1,168.28
Fairfax	245.05	352.58
Ferndale	200.42	156.70
Fresno, First	3,572.00	3,210.46
Japanese	47.50	229.87
Pilgrim Arm.	500.00	1,033.00
Zion	69.60	——
Glen Ellen	60.75	——
Guerneville	144.25	182.32
Hayward	2,029.85	2,795.00
Kenwood	27.17	34.77
La Selva Beach	91.09	97.52
Lodi, Ebenezer	——	61.12
First	3,007.53	2,012.80
Loleta	30.26	28.01
Loomis	200.00	204.40
Los Gatos, Skyland	——	67.39
Martinez	1,719.52	2,363.49
Modesto	75.69	71.07
Murphys	——	68.00
Niles	13.57	50.00
Oakland, First	5,985.60	6,100.00
Fruitvale	35.00	92.15
Japanese	12.00	——
New Pilgrim	515.63	458.73
Plymouth	1,889.18	2,103.51
Orinda	919.12	1,539.25
Oroville	512.42	830.35
Pacific Grove	25.00	50.00
Palo Alto	4,459.65	3,803.32
Paradise	660.00	705.00
Parlier	——	10.00
Penngrove	5.95	9.75
Pescadero	8.75	12.61
Petaluma	1,004.59	934.75
Pittsburg	516.12	308.41
Port Chicago	30.69	——
Porterville	2,250.00	2,250.00
Redwood City	1,593.74	1,882.71
Rio Vista	100.00	62.00
Ripon	415.23	493.63
Sacramento, First	3,139.00	2,712.61
Oak Park	——	76.41
Sierra Arden	275.00	271.68
Salida	38.74	130.00
San Carlos	1,900.00	1,856.40
San Francisco—		
Beth. Miss. P'k	221.00	138.00
Calvary Armen.	50.00	——
Chinese	13.83	——
First	2,568.68	2,182.98
Japanese	——	50.00
Park Presidio	718.54	1,178.88
Pilgrim	161.53	152.82
St. John's	113.18	156.17
Sanger	229.75	28.96
San Jose	1,219.99	1,881.00
San Leandro	149.47	30.45
San Lorenzo	22.50	300.00
San Mateo	3,921.31	4,900.00
San Rafael	367.39	370.46
Santa Cruz	1,156.75	1,359.42
Santa Rosa	262.63	308.11
Saratoga	656.19	853.03
Sebastopol	279.99	837.31
Sonoma	267.57	285.21
Soquel	168.79	265.15
Stockton	1,506.07	1,552.94
Suisun	117.10	273.70
Sunnyvale	56.85	215.85
Sunol	236.31	259.55
Tulare	1,080.00	1,620.00
Weaverville	167.00	252.97
Woodside	211.76	277.86
Reno, Nevada	620.13	738.31
Miscellaneous	286.65	393.88
Pilgrim Fellowship	2,809.66	1,930.58
	$77,637.42	$83,037.06

P. F. MIDWINTER

Pilgrim Fellowship annual Midwinter Conference will be held this year at our church in Oroville on December 28, 29, 30, and 31. PFers from all parts of the Conference will gather at this, their annual meeting. Theme of the conference is "Facing our Faith." The Rev. Gordon Foster, of Mill Valley, is keynoter. Superintendent-elect William D. Pratt will also address the young people. Elizabeth Helz, minister of education at our San Carlos Church, is adviser to the conference, and Marjorie Higbee, of Palo Alto, is chairman of the planning committee. The arrangements committee is headed by Patricia Richards, of Oroville, with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Boehme and the Rev. Charles Spencer as advisers. Plans call for chartered buses from the Bay Area to the conference.

50th Anniversary

On the evening of November 9 a tremendous crowd helped Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McCartney to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The actual date of their marriage was November 11. Members of the Broadmoor Church and a great number of friends from the community as well as other churches in the East Bay area put on a truly joyous party, with a reenactment by other characters of their wedding fifty years ago, with oldtime costumes, the music of yesteryear, many sincere expressions of appreciation, and a lot of fun mixed in. Guests were served refreshments, the largest wedding cake that the editor of The Pacific ever saw as one item. The McCartneys were presented with a beautiful television set and five fifty-dollar bills, and were they happy! Furthermore, they richly deserve it all.

NEW CONFERENCE TREAS.

Mr. W. V. Howe, who is going on semi-retirement with Sommer & Kaufmann, San Francisco, has resigned as treasurer of the Conference after several years of very fine, faithful, and effective service. He probably holds the record in our Conference for continuous years as church treasurer. He has carried that office without interruption for some thirty years in Alameda. His resignation was accepted with regret and with thanks. In his place Mr. David Blair was elected by the Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Directors. Mr. Blair is in the credit department of H. Liebes & Co., San Francisco, and is a very active member and a deacon in the First Congregational Church of San Francisco .

BIBLE IN S. S.

Special conferences on the use of the Bible in the church school have been arranged for January, according to an announcement of the Church School Committee. Conferences will be held in San Mateo on Tuesday, January 6; in Petaluma on Thursday, January 8; in North Church, Berkeley, Tuesday, January 13; and at Sacramento Pioneer, Thursday, January 15. Included on the program will be special workshops in the use of the Bible in worship, in Bible-centered activities, and in visual aids and the Bible. These conferences will be related to the Pilgrim Series materials being used in our church schools this quarter.

SANCTUARY

The Rev. Robert W. Lewis, Ferndale

In reverence, head
Bowed—I shrunk small
In the aisle of that redwood temple
With its thousand spires tapering tall!
Shafts of soft ecru
Shimmering in a blue mystic haze
As tho from towering stained glass windows, drew
My soul to God, filled my heart with hymns of praise!
No sound the silence broke
Than sunset's melody from the wooded temple's wall;
Nature, whispering thru the trees, her benediction spoke,
Reluctantly I turned to leave, awed
I had grown so tall!
—The Minister's Quarterly

Hip Wo Turnover

The Board of Directors of the Chinese Christian Union Academy (Hip Wo School) has had a turnover as far as Congregational members are concerned. Mrs. George O. Wilson, who previously served on the Board, takes the place of Mrs. E. V. Krick. Mrs. R. A. Fuller has been elected to succeed Miss Helen M. Perkins, and Superintendent-elect William D. Pratt takes over the position held for 23 years by Superintendent Harley H. Gill. In addition, Rev. Joseph L. C. Ma will be one of the three representing the local Chinese church. The Conference Board of Directors in making these appointments expressed especial thanks to Mrs. Krick and Miss Perkins for their long and effective service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 28-31 — Midwinter Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Oroville.
January 22—Annual meeting, Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches, Scottish Rite Auditorium, Oakland.
January 23-29—Mid-Winter Meetings of Missions Council and other groups at Cleveland, Ohio.
February 10-11-12 — Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.
April 5—Easter.
May 22-23-24 — Annual Conference, Plymouth Church, Oakland.
July 31-August 5—M. E. M. Conference, Asilomar.

TULARE — The Congregational women of this church have a program of relief for migrants in the area. Stewardship Sunday was November 23. Rev. Harold F. Cram, pastor, is chairman for the San Joaquin area of the Building Loan Fund campaign.

Is your subscription running out? Take a look at the label, then act!

BERKELEY, NORTH—The 60th anniversary of this church is taking place during the first week of December, beginning with a musical vespers service on November 20, then a family dinner on Friday, December 5, a homecoming service on Sunday, December 9, and a dinner in Fellowship Center immediately following when letters of congratulation and memories will be read and oldtimers introduced. Rev. Williston Wirt is pastor.

HILLCREST—Thirteen new members were received on November 9. The new educational building is going up. A cub pack has been organized. The Every Member Canvass for the support of the church is under way. A massive redwood sign has been erected on the most prominent corner of the property, the gift of a friend. Rev. Robert L. Carlson has launched a Bible study group on Tuesday mornings.

SANTA ROSA—This church is waiting with keen interest the result of the meeting of the Church Building Committee in New York when its application is again up for consideration. There is a rather lively prospect of a sale for the present building. This would make necessary immediate action loking toward a new building on the new site near the junior college. Rev. William E. Welch is the pastor.

HAYWARD—"Only room for six more children in church school" was the announcement which had to be made in November. At the same time, the campaign for the building of a new wing for the educational program was going forward with more than half of the $100,000 goal pledged by less than one-third of the families. Rev. Richard C. Norberg is pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH — On Laymen's Sunday Mr. Thomas Disher, moderator of the church, preached the sermon. On Thanksgiving eve, this church joined with Lakeshore Baptist and First Christian congregations in the observance of Thanksgiving Day. A number of Plymouth homes entertained students from other lands. Rev. Philip G. Murray is pastor.

SKYLAND—Rev. Frank E. Carlson has been serving this church and has been called as pastor but has not yet given his acceptance. Attendance has increased. If only Dr. Carlson can be prevailed upon to accept, the growth of this church will be insured. He recently returned from serving an interim period as superintendent of the North Dakota Conference.

BERKELEY, SOUTH — Dr. Georgia Harkness was speaker at the annual Thank Offering service of the Women's Fellowship. Most of the young people took part in the celebration of Christ's Work Day. Ninety per cent of the financial goal for 1953 has been pledged. The pastors are Rev. John C. Mickle, Rev. Fred S. Stripp, and Rev. Ernest Houlding.

ANTIOCH—In the Every Member Canvass the World Service subscriptions exceeded the goal, and those for current expenses were not far below the needs. A community chorus is to render Handel's "Messiah." Rev. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

FAIRFAX—New pews have been installed. These together with other alterations made in the recent past have changed what was designed as a lodge hall into a truly worshipful sanctuary. Rev. James W. Montgomery is pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

OROVILLE—The institute offering training courses in line with the recommendations of the International Council of Religious Education was a decided success in this church. Rev. Charles M. Spencer, pastor, who is himself a member of the International Council, furnished the incentive. Members of the Calvary Baptist Church, the First Methodist Church, and the First Christian Church, along with the Congregational people, were enrolled. A program of two courses was presented—the first, a series of lectures and study work on personal Christian living led by Mr. Spencer. Following this, Mr. Albert Campbell, of the high school faculty, gave a course on the history of the books of the New Testament. Methods of church school teaching and youth work were given by Rev. George W. Lindsay, director of Christian Education of the Conference, Rev. William Keeney, pastor of the Auburn Congregational Church, Mrs. Charles Spencer, Mrs. Leslie Jones, and Mrs. Noel Graves. There was an enrollment of 78. Attendance was well sustained throughout the entire five-week period. Credential certificates were awarded to those taking work for credit. It is expected that the institute will again be resumed in the autumn. A number of other members assisted in various ways.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST—Rev. Joseph D. Redinger, asssitant pastor, has resigned in order to accept the invitaion to become minister of the New East Bay Church in San Diego, and is already at work. Rabbi Morris Goldstein of Congregation Sherith Israel was the preacher on Thanksgiving Day, and Rev. William E. McCormack preached at the Temple Sherith Israel on Friday following Thanksgiving, when Congregational people were greeted at a very pleasing reception. On Sunday, the 23rd, eleven new members were received into fellowship. The recent bazaar netted over $1500.

SAN FRANCISCO, ST. JOHN'S—A beautiful curtain is being installed which will permit the closing off of the chancel when there are social occasions that must use the church as a parish hall. On November 14 Superintendent and Mrs. Harley H. Gill were guests at a dinner of the congregation, following which Mr. Gill met with the Congregational members explaining the organization of the church and its place in the Congregational fellowship. Members of the Board of Directors were nominated and plans made for the annual meeting. Rev. Horst Jeschke is pastor.

SAN MATEO—Mr. Arthur Younger, a member of this church, is preparing to go to Washington as a Congressman, having been chosen at the recent election. On November 9 the 211th member for the year 1952 was received. The church has published a most beautiful twenty-page brochure, in color and with lovely pictures showing the exterior of the church, the interior of the sanctuary, various rooms and groups of the Church School, the choirs, and of the two ministers, Rev. Benton S. Gaskell and Rev. Terence E. Stoker.

FRESNO, JAPANESE—More than $800 came in at a food bazaar. The church is seeking the assistance of Mr. Hachiro Yuasa, of Oakland, graduate architect, for the planning of a new church unit. Rev. Norio Ozaki is pastor.

RIO VISTA—This church has been cared for by supply ministers since the tragic death of Rev. John N. Bridges. For several weeks, negotiations have been in progress with Mr. William T. McReynolds, recently of La Selva Beach. He has served the church on Sundays and on December 15 will begin as full-time pastor, having completed his work at Pacific School of Religion. On the evening of November 26, he was ordained in the First Congregational Church of Salem, Oregon, which is his own church. His pastor, Rev. Seth Huntington, preached the sermon. Rev. George W. Lindsay represented the Northern California Conference at the ordination and gave the charge to the candidate. Congratulations are extended by The Pacific to both Mr. McReynolds and the Rio Vista Church.

SARATOGA—The need for additional seating capacity has made it necessary to recondition the balcony, to plan a better alignment of pews, and more adequate lighting fixtures. A system of dual use of classrooms has been instituted to alleviate the crowded condition. A planning board is wrestling with the problem of an addition to the church plant to provide needed space. This may result in a two-story parish hall extension, to furnish a larger assembly room, a new kitchen, a women's lounge, a pastor's study, a youth room, and storage space. In a single month there are more than 100 activities in the building, the doors being opened every day all day. The membership has now gone over the 500 mark even though there was revision of the roll early in the year. Rev. Gordon L. King is pastor.

RIPON—Growth is steady in all departments of the church. On Armistice Sunday, there was the highest attendance in a number of months. This included a good many young people and in particular boy and girl scouts. A laymen's visitation evangelism campaign is planned for the near future with about twenty participating. The quota for the Church Building Loan Fund has been accepted. A goat has been purchased for Korea, and a drive for clothing is now under way. Rev. C. W. Kirkpatrick is pastor.

GLEN ELLEN — Twenty-three adult members of young parents of the children in the Church School united with the church on Sunday, November 23. Eleven children were baptized. It climaxed the work of a group of Sunday School mothers who had formed a mothers' club last spring. Needless to say, this was a red-letter day for the church and for its pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken.

SAN FRANCISCO, PILGRIM (OCEAN VIEW)—Careful search is going on for a suitable parsonage for the minister, Rev. Karl Olson, and his family since the old church and parsonage have been sold. The annual bazaar was a decided success. A quiet solicitation is going forward to clear up the balances owed to the contractor and the architect.

BERKELEY, CHINESE — The reconditioning of two rooms has made it possible for the primary department of the church school and the church service to be held at the same hour. There is an average attendance of 35 for the Chi-Teens group (Chinese Teen-Agers). Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST—Contracts for an $80,000 social hall have been approved, which will round out the full plant of this great church in its new location. The money and pledges, with the exception of about $10,000, are on hand to meet the bills as they fall due. Twenty-five new members were received on World Communion Sunday, bringing the total to date for the year up to 158. The Sunday evening forum continues to offer lectures, films, and speakers, with capacity crowds frequently in attendance. The budget for this forum, alone, in the current year is over $3,000. The Church School meets in duplicate sessions under the leadership of the new director of Christian education and assistant pastor, Rev. Ronald I. Hargis. There are three Sunday evening youth groups, also parent education and teacher training classes. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY—Rev. Gale W. Engle has resigned after a pastorate of about four years. He expects to devote full time for the period necessary to complete work looking toward the securing of his doctor's degree at Stanford University. Mr. Engle is a Presbyterian minister and has been very cooperative in our fellowship and in helping to lift the giving of the Redwood City Church to Our Christian World Mission. Five new members were received on the 90th anniversary of the church November 2. A pageant presented the history of the 90 years by a series of scenes taken from records, minutes, and memories. There were costumes from the olden days, photographs, heirloom quilts, and many other mementos.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE — This church has a right to be proud over the two-page, illustrated spread in a recent issue of **Advance,** describing the vacation school held last summer. Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, the pastor, has always been a strong leader in Christian education. It has been a long time since the Fruitvale Church has had such a program as was revealed in the **Advance** article. Hearty congratulation. Incidentally, this church went "over the top" in its budget campaign on the very first day of the canvass.

ALAMEDA — The Harvest Moon Fair was a wonderful success, yielding a net profit of over $800. Five artists presented an evening of light opera music on November 14, the proceeds to go to the organ fund. Children's church is held each Sunday morning at 9:45, with a repeat session at 11:00. Rev. Francis P. Randall is the pastor. Four new members were received on November 3. Church attendance is crowding the 200 mark. Rev. Francis P. Randall is the pastor.

PETALUMA — On November 16 some Pilgrim Fellowship leaders held a visitation with the local group, and the evening following the chairmen in the different churches of the Redwood Empire came together to hear presentation of the Church Building Loan Fund. The budget for the coming year will require a 12% increase in gifts. Rev. Herbert C. Gans is pastor.

STOCKTON—Rev. Noel J. Breed has begun the twentieth year of his Stockton pastorate. He was guest speaker at the Armistice Day assembly in the Stockton High School. At a largely attended church meeting, ten objectives for the year were adopted. The missionary goal was placed at $2,100, and the quota for Church Building Loan Fund was accepted.

MODESTO—$10,400 in cash and pledges for the first unit of the new building resulted from a campaign led by Mr. Curtis R. Schumacher of the Board of Home Missions. On the strength of this, together with loan and grant promised by the Church Building Society, the architect, Mr. Hachiro Yuasa, has been authorized to prepare at once working drawings and specifications with the hope that bids can be called for by February first.

This church was chosen for study by eight visiting German business and professional men under the sponsorship of the United States Government Affairs Institute. Studies were made of educational institutions, women's clubs, housing subdivisions, irrigation districts, county board of supervisors, and every sort of civic life. Rev. Frank B. Loper cooperated in making this study of value for the visitors.

LA SELVA BEACH—This church has unanimously called Rev. E. L. Spaulding as pastor. Mr. Spaulding, who makes his home in the community, was the first pastor, helping greatly in the launching of the new project and its organization, and he has been a faithful lay member during the pastorate of Mr. William T. McReynolds. Mr. Spaulding has challenged the church with a strong, forward-looking program which will involve the building of a chapel and the development of every department of work. Mr. Spaulding is a Baptist and has been most cooperative and is regarded by the ministers of our fellowship as one of them.

MIRA VISTA—This church will have a Christmas tree-selling project with very reasonable prices running from $2.25 to $2.75 each. The annual bazaar was known as the "Christmas Shopper" with Christmas cards, children's fashion show, food sale, children's toys, and fashions for adults. The Board of Deacons has been responsible for a Sunday evening discussion group with the minister, Rev. Gifford M. Webster, in attendance but not in charge. The fund for paying for the organ is steadily climbing.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED—Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Ward were one of the couples honored at the golden wedding service on the first Sunday of November. The church is selling beautiful dinner plates with a picture of its very impressive building. The Thanksgiving service was held Wednesday evening with four laymen speaking on "For This I Am Thankful." About $1,350 was realized from the Fall Festival. Rev. J. Paul Coleman is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER—On November 19 a reception was held for all who had joined the church during the current year in order to promote fellowship. The Men's Club sponsored the sale of the new Bible. The budget for the coming year is $33,500, which includes an item for the Church Building Loan Fund. Rev. Torrance Phelps, pastor, solemnized the marriage of his daughter, Ruth, to Rev. Paul G. Logsdon on November 30.

SANTA CRUZ—The ladies of the church served dinner to 70 or more soldiers from Fort Ord on a recent Sunday evening. The deacons of the church have been making many church calls just for the promoting of good will. The Fall Festival brought in a grand total of $529. Rev. Ed Cunningham is pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

MRS. JOHN HARRISON, Correspondent

The next regular meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California will be held on Thursday, January 15, 1953, at the First Congregational Church, Oakland.

THE LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR

The last meeting of 1952 was held November 20, at First Church, Oakland. Mrs. Gail Cleland presided and offered the opening prayer. The suggestion to drop the January meetings in favor of the September Sunday meetings was discussed. The vote will be taken at the next regular meeting. Report from the second September Sunday meeting showed 86 evening groups represented. Mrs. Ralph Hyslop was elected to replace Mrs. C. R. Claiborne on the printing committee. Mrs. Claiborne is now teaching in the Collegiate Institute for Girls in Izmir, Turkey. Mrs. Jay A. Ream, second vice-president, presided during the lunch hour. Several new members were introduced. Then Mrs. George Lindsay presented slides of the migrant mission work done by our young people in California, taken by Miss Mary Coxhead and in which Helen Alexander and Al Klyce were workers. The Conference paid half of the cost of this work, a partial answer to a great need. The sight of the way the migrants live and work deflates any pride we might have in the production of crops in California.

Mrs. Scott Haymond will supply speakers for a church night or for women's meetings to get the campaign started to raise the Northern California quota for the Church Building Fund. Women are asked to take the initiative. A 16 mm. sound film and work packets are available. "Get the story told!"

Mrs. J. E. Enman has been able to fill all requests that have come to her for speakers. All secretaries who have answered a direct request to speak to a group are asked to report to Mrs. Enman so her report will be complete.

Mrs. Chris Thomsen (Friendly Service) expressed thanks for quotas completed, urged others to get them finished and all groups to be sure the reports are sent to her immediately on completion.

Two SOS calls need our attention: (1) Scraps of cloth suitable for quilt-making should be sent to Mrs. Frank Workentine, Eagle Butte, South Dakota. The Indian women sell the quilts to help pay their church expenses. (2) Mrs. Joseph L. Moulton, missionary teacher in India, asks for a good supply of ten-cent articles as gifts for children there. Send them to Harvey L. Meeken, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts. Some thought it better to send check or money order, hoping Mr. Meeken will be able to get the Boston women to shop for the things.

Mrs. A. C. Ramsey (Foreign Field): new address, 30 Park Lane Drive, Orinda. Report of her interesting talk will be given in the January edition.

Mrs. A. M. MacGregor gave another one of her inspiring worship services.

Having no meeting in December, your reporter will be glad to receive letters from any secretaries who have something they wish to publicize. Reports omitted will be in the next edition.

Supt. Harley H. Gill, our speaker of the day, recalled the beginnings of the Women's Federation. He named the women who have been president and gave unstinted praise for work done, but reminded us of the tasks yet to be undertaken. "Make no little plans," he said. Make big plans; blow a few trumpets. Let the world know of our faith in God and Heaven and our belief that God will be the victor in the world struggle.

Meantime, our own children—where are they? How many do we have in church schools? Are we teaching them to appreciate and live by our Christian traditions? Too often we take for granted that children will naturally follow the Christian way. Too often the church program presents little to stir the interest or responsibility of the community. In this blood-stirring age of speedy planes, cars, radio ,and TV, the important question to which the churches must find an answer is "how to make religion keep pace." What kind of job have we been doing? We cannot afford church membership as a kind of luxury without responsibility. We must feel and show the same imagination as an engineer building a dam or a tunnel, or the scientists perfecting the atomic bomb. "No small plans will meet the needs of today." In most communities less than one-fourth of the people are in churches. When they come, what do they find? Friendly people with deep Christian hope or indifference and "little plans"? With sincere eagerness and love for God and man, every church could be doubled or tripled in membership. Every community has people whose letters are in trunks or their names on inactive lists "back home." What is your church, what are you, doing about them? There has been in recent years the greatest migration of all history to California. Population has nearly doubled. What could the church do? A large quonset hut and some blue glass were combined in a beautiful house of worship in San Lorenzo, now with a Sunday School of 900 members. Pleasant Hill, active and growing; West San Jose, 102 new members since May; these and many others are a feeble answer to the great need. We are not doing our best to win California for Jesus Christ. What of the future? Nine hundred fifty-seven new industries were started in 1951. Churches must supply the spiritual values. The Pacific is the theater of world history today. Dr. Gill claimed to be an uncurable optimist, regardless of war, failure of the truce talks, and shedding of human blood, he dares hope for a better way of life. "Make no little plans." "The arm of the Lord is not shortened."

Mrs. C. E. Ward reminded us to send Thank Offerings directly to the office of the Conference. We may secure boxes and supplies at the January meeting for next year .

The 1952 Thank Offering remittances are coming in. A few show increase, more show slight decrease, but they all show splendid interest and loyalty.

AU REVOIR DINNER

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superintendent, spoke next. Herbert W. Hilker, moderator of the Conference, paid tribute to a man who is a "minister to laymen"; Dr. Galen Fisher, president of the Board of Trustees of Pacific School of Religion, told what a valuable member of that Board Dr. Gill has been. Dr. Stuart Anderson, who succeeded Dr. Gill as vice-president of the American Board, spoke of Dr. Gill's splendid work during the depression in keeping the missionary spirit alive. He also announced that the women of Arlington Community Church, to which Dr. and Mrs. Gill belong, had made a contribution of $100 for a PSR scholarship—a sum which the women expect to give annually in honor of Dr. Gill.

Dr. Abbott Book, secretary of the Northern California - Nevada Council of Churches, spoke of Dr. Gill's ability to get along with other denominations and his fine influence on the ecumenical movement.

After a tribute to Mrs. Gill from Dr. Loper, she responded most graciously, acknowledging, in true wifely fashion, that the fine things said about her husband are true, and adding one touch which elicited great applause from the wives present—that always, no matter where he is, Dr. Gill writes to her every day, and that always, if he is to be late to dinner, he telephones her. For the benefit of the ladies: Mrs. Gill wore a soft rose lace gown, over a matching slip, cymbidium orchids in a slightly deeper tone (sent her by the committee), and a tiny rhinestone ornament in her hair.

Mr. Gaskell, with humor and flourishes, presented a beautifully bound book of testimonial letters, reading extracts from a few; and Rev. Herbert Gans, with suitably hilarious remarks, handed Dr. Gill a substantial and generous check, to be augmented as additional financial tributes come in.

When the recipient of all the loving, joking, sentimental tributes finally rose to speak, he said that he had been feeling more and more detached all evening, as if someone else were being honored; and then he made a beautiful little talk, paying tribute to his office and Conference associates, past and present, to Mrs. Pearl C. Gill, the mother of his children, and to Mrs. Claribelle Finley Gill, his wife and helpmate for fifteen years. He ended on a note of forward-looking, asking that his successor, Rev. William D. Pratt, be given the same cooperation he has always received.

As the audience rose in tribute, the auditorium lights went out and the golden letters on the curtain, "love and appreciation," to which so many of the speakers had alluded, were illuminated with rose and purple lights; then the lights came on, and the audience said the "Mizpah."

PACIFIC SHIFTS EDITORS

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Newcomers in our midst remark about the esprit de corps, the fellowship, the harmony, and the enthusiasm of our people.

The Pacific has not paid its way financially through subscriptions or advertising. Every subscription at 25 costs the Conference more than the price but the total deficit for the year which comes out of the Conference budget, is very small compared with the benefits which have been derived.

The files of The Pacific constitute an invaluable record of the coming and going of pastors, of the birth of children in pastors' homes, of the passing of ministers into the better life, of the launching of new work, the organization of churches, the dedication of buildings, the anniversaries that have been celebrated, the meetings of Associations, the annual meetings of the Conference, the giving to benevolences of our churches, also of our youth work, of the Laymen's Fellowship and the Federation of Congregational Women, and of such great enterprises as the raising of the Centennial Fund.

The Conference has in its office a complete file of The Pacific since the paper came into its care. The Bancroft Library at the University of California and the library of the Pacific School of Religion each have practically complete files from the beginning of publication, a vast amount of information and a source of unending joy to anyone with historical mind.

A new editor is now to be welcomed. Rev. William D. Pratt, Superintendent-elect, who will succeed to the office of Superintendent and as Secretary of the various Boards, will be in charge, although it is hoped that he will have some editorial assistance. Ten months of each year the issuance of The Pacific has been like sitting down to a family table together. During the years there have been changes among the occupants of the chairs at the table as pastors have come and gone. That is just what is happening now. A new face joins the circle, but the fellowship will continue, one richer and stronger as the days shall pass.

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